## Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is known for its strong family traditions—family farms, family businesses, and family vacations; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for families to come together to share their experiences, exchange their life's stories and dreams, build life-long relationships, and discover their roots; and,

Whereas, The backbone of our nation is the strength and unifying permanence of the family unit; and,

Whereas, For most individuals, the family is a place of comfort and solace; it serves as our shelter and our guide down the pathways of life; and,

Whereas, Though families may split apart in geographical sense, distance cannot break the powerful bonds of emotional and spiritual togetherness; and,

Whereas, The truly devoted family, no matter how scattered by time and space, will make frequent attempts to "keep the lines open," occasionally gathering together to celebrate their lives and loves for one another; and,

Whereas, Such is the case for the Holloman family, a large and loving group of close-knit kin, many having traveled great distances simply to share the pleasure and rewards of each others company; and,

Whereas, The Holloman family, descendants of Jerry and Bessie (Moses) Holloman, have been blessed with doctors, nurses, lawyers, teachers, preachers, administrators, government officials, and many other professions, making a tremendous impact on the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, On July 2-4, 2004, the Holloman family will gather in Bishopville, South Carolina, to partake in a wide range of activities, fun and frolic, and to pay homage to the past and renew its commitment to the future of the Holloman name and all the great things that it represents:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 2-4, 2004, as

## HOLLOMAN FAMILY REUNION

in South Dakota.

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State